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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Department of State, Relations with

1. At approximately 3:30 p.m. on 28 December 1961, Mr. James C. Reber telephonically contacted the writer. He advised that at the USIB meeting of that day Mr. Roger Hillsman, Director, Intelligence and Research, Department of State, had mentioned the word OXCART before the Board. Mr. Reber stated that he took immediate action to stop Mr. Hillsman from discussing that subject beyond the word OXCART. He indicated that he succeeded. According to Mr. Reber, the DCI and the DDCI were present.

2. With my concurrence, Mr. Reber took action to arrange a meeting with Mr. Hillsman for the purpose of identifying to him the operational projects which are the subject of access approvals in order to impress upon him the need for a greater amount of discretion in making references to such operational programs.

3. Subsequently, Mr. Reber informed me that he understood from Mr. Wiedemann, the State Department COMOR Representative, that he understands that several individuals have a certain awareness of some follow-on program to IDEALIST within State Department. It has been proposed by Mr. Hillsman that the following individuals attend a meeting scheduled for 11:30, Tuesday, 2 January 1962: Roger Hillsman, Director, Intelligence and Research, Department of State; Mr. Thomas Hughes, Deputy to Mr. Hillsman; Mr. Joseph Scott, Deputy Director for Coordination, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (special group matters); Messrs. Howard Wiedemann and Charles Flowersee, COMOR Reps; and Mr. T. Archilles Polyzoides, TCO/Department of State. Mention was also made of the possibility of Les Brown and Joe Newbert attending this meeting, however, the latter two are improbable.

4. Mr. Reber mentioned that if we desire he will attend the meeting, however, suggested that the Chief of DPD may desire to attend in which event Mr. Reber declared he would most willingly withdraw. Mr. Reber will contact the writer on 29 December 1961 with final information pertaining to the proposed State participants at the Tuesday briefing.

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